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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6282

INFO AMCONSUL BARCELONA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ATLANTIS PROJECT

REF MADRID 3273, 3746, 3770 STATE 132919

1. VIEW HEAVY PRESS COVERAGE PEPPERDINE/AMRA EXPE-
DITION EMBASSY REPORTS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS CASE FOR
POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT REPLIES CONGRESS AND PRESS INQUIRIES.
EMBASSY PLANS REFER PRESS INQUIRIES TO SPANISH AUTHORITIES
UNTIL LEGAL ISSUES BETTER KNOWN.

2. ACCORDING INFORMATION IN PRESS SPANISH OFFICIALS
HALTED ALL DIVING ACTIVITIES BY THE ATLANTIS GROUP
FOLLOWING CLAIM BY GROUP TO HAVE PROBABLY DISCOVERED
ATLANTIS. HEARING HELD JULY 23 BEFORE CADIZ MAGISTRATE
TO ASCERTAIN GROUP'S PURPOSES. THIS PROCEEDING MERE
INVESTIGATION, NOT TRIAL. ASHER REPORTED IN PRESS AS
STATING GROUP WILL NOT APPEAR BEFORE MAGISTRATE PRIOR
"SUMMIT MEETING" WITH AMBASSADOR AND GOS NAVY MINISTER,
ALTHOUGH EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SHE AND CO-DIRECTOR DID
ATTEND.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL RECAL (MADRID 3746) EMBASSY NOTI-
FIED WASHINGTON DENIAL SPANISH GOVERNMENT PERMISSION
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DENIAL SENT ASHER, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS. THEN, LETTER SENT FROM AMBASSADOR TO NAVY MINISTER REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR REQUEST (MADRID 3770) WHICH MINISTER DID APPROVE. HOWEVER, COMMANDER CADIZ NAVAL DISTRICT PROTESTED TO NAVY MINISTRY AND PERMISSION THEN WITHDRAWN.

4. FYI: UNOFFICIAL SOURCES HAVE INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NAVY OFFICIALS CADIZ QUITE MIFFED ASHER DISPLAY OF LETTERS FROM U.S. SENATORS IN ATTEMPT INFLUENCE DECISION.

5. UPI MADRID CORRESPONDENT CALLED EMBASSY PRESS OFFICER AND REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH MISS ASHER AFTER HEARING. SHE AND DR. NAVA REGARD ATLANTIX PROJECT "STALEMATED" BUT PLAN GO ON WITH CLASSROOM WORK IN CADIZ AREA. UPI REPRESENTATIVE STATED OFF-THE-RECORD HE DOES NOT PLAN CONTINUE COVERING STORY.
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